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Preliminary Screening Notification – Establishment of the Thaidene Nënë Wildlife Conservation Area under the *Wildlife Act*

Please be advised that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) is undertaking a preliminary screening for the proposed establishment of the Thaidene Nënë Wildlife Conservation Area (TDNWCA). The Wildlife and Fish Division (project proponent) of ENR is a designated authority for establishment and management of conservation areas for the purpose of managing wildlife and wildlife habitat in the Northwest Territories.

In the enclosed package you will find the proponent's notice to undertake development of the TDNWCA, and a report describing the proposed conservation area. The report includes: A summary of the purpose of the screening; structure of the TDNWCA; explanation of enabling legislation; geographic information; cultural, ecological and socioeconomic values; governance structure; visitor access; prohibited and allowable activities; proposed activities; project effects; corridors and infrastructure; timelines; and public engagement. To find the review package online, please visit www.enr.gov.nt.ca.

ENR is requesting reviewers consider the enclosed information and provide feedback by **October 1, 2020**. Based on your local knowledge, interests in, and/or use of the area, please advise as to whether the proposed conservation area might be cause for public concern or significant adverse impacts on the environment.

The Environmental Assessment and Monitoring (EAM) unit of ENR will oversee the preliminary screening process. EAM requests that comment input is provided by using the Excel template provided. All comment submissions or questions about the review process may be sent to Ms. Lee Ann Malley, A/Manager of Environmental Assessment and Monitoring at LeeAnn_Malley@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9237, extension 53095.

Should reviewers have technical questions about this proposal, you are encouraged to contact the proponent by speaking to Mr. Rob Gau, Manager Biodiversity Conservation at rob_gau@gov.nt.ca or (867) 767-9237, extension 53213.

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